

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. A structure for mounting a surveillance camera on a surface comprising a back box having an opening therein, a flange attached to said back box adjacent to said opening, and an adaptor for attachment to said flange wherein said adaptor is adapted selectively to be mounted on said surface, and alternatively to be mounted behind said surface.

10 2. The structure of claim 1 wherein said adaptor is located between said flange and said surface when it is selectively mounted on said surface.

 3. The structure of claim 2 wherein said flange touches against said surface when said adaptor is selectively mounted behind said surface.

15 4. The structure of claim 1 wherein an aperture is provided in said flange that is smaller than said opening in said back box.

 5. The structure of claim 1 wherein an aperture is provided in said flange that
20 is larger than said opening in said back box, and a portion of said back box extends outward beyond said aperture.

6. The structure of claim 1 wherein an aperture is provided in said flange that is larger than said opening in said back box, and a plurality of fingers are provided on said flange to support said back box.

5 7. The structure of claim 1 wherein a plurality of slots are provided on said back box and a corresponding plurality of tabs are provided on said adaptor for mating engagement of said adaptor to said back box when said adaptor is mounted on said surface.

10 8. The structure of claim 7 wherein said flange and said adaptor each have a generally annular shape, said back box has a generally cylindrical shape, and a dome provided for engagement with said flange.

9. The structure of claim 1 wherein said adaptor is inverted when alternatively mounted behind said surface.

15 10. The structure of claim 8 wherein an opening is provided in said surface, and a plurality of attachment devices are inserted through said surface opening for attaching said flange to said adaptor when alternatively mounted behind said surface.

20 11. A structure for mounting a surveillance camera on a front surface of a panel having front and back surfaces comprising a back box having an opening at one end, a flange having a central aperture therein attached to said back box adjacent to said opening, and

an adaptor for attachment to said flange wherein said adaptor is adapted selectively to be mounted to the front surface of said panel, and alternatively to be mounted on the back surface of said panel.

5 12. The structure of claim 11 wherein a plurality of slots are provided on said back box and a corresponding plurality of tabs are provided on said adaptor for mating engagement of said adaptor to said back box when said adaptor is mounted to the front surface of said panel.

10 13. The structure of claim 11 said aperture is smaller than said opening in said back box.

 14. The structure of claim 11 wherein said aperture is larger than said opening in said back box, and a portion of said back box extends outward beyond said aperture.

15 15. The structure of claim 11 wherein said aperture is larger than said opening in said back box, and a plurality of fingers are provided on said flange to support said back box.

 16. The structure of claim 11 wherein said flange and adaptor have a generally
20 annular shape, said back box has a generally cylindrical shape, and a dome provided for engagement with said flange.

17. The structure of claim 11 wherein said adaptor is inverted when alternatively mounted behind said surface.

18. The structure of claim 17 wherein an orifice is provided in said surface for receiving said back box, and a plurality of attachment devices are inserted through said orifice for attaching said flange to said adaptor when alternatively mounted behind said surface.

19. A camera support assembly comprising a back box having an opening therein, a peripheral flange attached to said back box adjacent to said opening, and an adaptor attachable to said flange for alternatively mounting said camera support assembly on a surface in accordance with two separate and distinct modes of operation, a first mode of operation comprising mounting said adaptor on said surface between said flange and said surface, and a second mode of operation comprising providing an orifice in said surface for receiving said back box and mounting said adaptor behind said surface adjacent to said orifice.

20. A method of mounting a surveillance camera on a surface comprising the steps of:

- a) installing a camera and related components into a support assembly comprising a back box having an opening therein for receiving said components, said opening being adjacent to an attached flange having an aperture therein through which said camera protrudes;

b) attaching said assembly to said surface using an adaptor for alternatively mounting said assembly in accordance with two separate and distinct modes of operation, a first mode of operation comprising mounting said adaptor on said surface between said flange and said surface, and a second mode of operation comprising providing an orifice in said surface and mounting said adaptor behind said surface adjacent to said orifice using a plurality of devices inserted through said orifice for attaching said flange to said adaptor; and

c) engaging a dome with said flange to cover said camera.